

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 815

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Arlington High School dance teams.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington High School dance teams have achieved an extraordinary level of success since the teams' founding in 2004; and

WHEREAS, since the opening of the school in 2004, both the varsity and junior varsity teams have received numerous specialty awards, including Technical Excellence, Best Choreography, and Best Showmanship; and

WHEREAS, these stellar victories have been made possible by the astute leadership of Varsity Head Coach Lisa Powers, Junior Varsity Head Coach Sara Beahm, Varsity & Junior Varsity Pom Choreographer/Coach Wendy Wissman, Varsity Hip Hop Choreographer/Coach Candace Wright, and Varsity & Junior Varsity Sponsor Jennifer Spiwak; and

WHEREAS, the teams have produced many titles in their short tenure as a dance program, including being crowned the 2012 National Champions in Large Varsity Pom and Medium Varsity Hip Hop, Best in Pom, Grand National Champions, and National Champions in Junior Varsity Pom; and

WHEREAS, they were named the 2011 National Champions in Large Varsity Pom; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were also named the TSSAA Varsity Pom State Champs for four consecutive years from 2008 to 2011, the TSSAA Varsity Hip Hop State Champs in 2010, and the TSSAA Junior Varsity State Champs in 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the girls show their dedication not only through competitions, but also by supporting other school sports and programs and by serving as active and productive members of their community; and

WHEREAS, members of the dance teams are required to maintain high academic standards and a code of conduct by contract with the coach, sponsor, and school; and

WHEREAS, the members of the teams also participate in pre-competition and post-practice rituals, which include reciting the Lord's Prayer, followed by the chant, "AHS Tiger Pom What?"; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible these stellar triumphs, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Arlington High School dance teams for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Arlington High School dance teams on their commitment to excellence and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.